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### HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

#### IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: George Alexander House
3. Street or rural address: 423 Matheson Street  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-201-42
5. Present Owner: Nordmeyer, Harold F. & Sally P. Address: 423 Matheson St.  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

#### DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Queen Anne
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Distinctive of this Queen Anne home are the quadrefoil windows in the front elevation and the octagon tower. Each volume, bay and porch has a hip roof, boxed cornice, dentils, and the main volume has a decorated frieze. Decorative finials appear at the peak of each hip roof, the dormer and the tower. Round columns top the solid balustrade. Stained glass is used in the dormer window and in the transom above a wide window in the front bay.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1905
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder W.H. Chaney
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 60 Depth 218  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
16 Aug. 1982 06/27  
427 Matheson 06/28

13. Condition: Excellent  Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_\_\_
14. Alterations: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land \_\_\_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_\_\_ Densely built-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Residential  Industrial \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Threats to site: None known  Private development \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site?  Moved? \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This house is an extremely fanciful late Queen Anne period and is unusual in the large amount of special ornamental items included on a house of otherwise modest proportions.

George Alexander, who termed himself a Capitalist in 1900, was the last of ten children born to Cyrus and Rufona Alexander who were the first white settlers in this area (1841). The family's fame and fortune had been well established in this part of the state by the time George was born in 1869. As he matured he carried on the family tradition by being prominent in agricultural affairs, director of Healdsburg National Bank, trustee of Healdsburg High School and a City Councilman. In 1900 George married Nellie Maude Sarginson, born 1874 in Iowa, and raised one daughter. In 1905 the Alexanders contracted Will Chaney to build their home which they maintained until 1922 when the family moved to Berkeley. At the time of construction this home was considered an ornament to the community - time has not lessened its standing.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

- Architecture  Arts & Leisure \_\_\_\_\_  
Economic/Industrial \_\_\_\_\_ Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_\_\_  
Government \_\_\_\_\_ Military \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_\_\_

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Interview: Pat Schmidt 2/83  
Harold Nordmeyer 2/83

Census: 1900  
Ent.: 5/13/1905, 3/1/1923,  
Trib.: 5/10/1900, 4/11/1912, 11/5/1914

22. Date form prepared July 21, 1983  
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